

## **REMARKS**

In the Official Action mailed on **6 April 2006**, the Examiner reviewed claims 1-24. Claims 1-4, 6-12, 14-20, and 22-24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Foster (USPN 6,675,382, hereinafter "Foster"). Claims 5, 13, and 21 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim.

### **Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102(e)**

Claims 1-4, 6-12, 14-20, and 22-24 were rejected as being anticipated by Foster.

Applicant has amended independent claims 1, 9, and 17 to include allowable limitations from dependent claims 5, 13, and 21, respectively. Dependent claims 4-5, 12-13, and 20-21 have been canceled without prejudice.


Hence, Applicant respectfully submits that independent claims 1, 9, and 17 as presently amended are in condition for allowance. Applicant also submits that claims 2-3 and 6-8, which depend upon claim 1, claims 10-11 and 14-16, which depend upon claim 9, and claims 18-19 and 22-24, which depend upon claim 17, are for the same reasons in condition for allowance and for reasons of the unique combinations recited in such claims.

**CONCLUSION**

It is submitted that the present application is presently in form for allowance. Such action is respectfully requested.

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